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Transfer of foresters within a circle.

* 50 Q.—Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there are standing orders to transfer foresters from one division to another division and from one district to another district.

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Under the Special Rules for the Madras Forest Subordinate Service, the Conservator of a Forest Circle is empowered to transfer foresters from one division to another within the Circle, which comprises of three or four districts."

Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In view of the small salaries drawn by the foresters, will it not be advisable for the Government to pass standing orders restricting transfers within the district itself?"

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The matter will be considered, Sir." 11-30 a.m.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—REQUEST FOR A DEBATE ON FAMINE AND FOOD CONDITIONS IN THE STATE.

* Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I want to ask the Hon. Leader of the House whether he will be prepared to allot two days for the discussion of the famine and food conditions in this Province, in view of the very acute scarcity conditions, particularly in the dry areas of almost all the twenty-four districts."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I will consider the suggestion, Sir."

III.—DISQUALIFICATION OF A MEMBER (Sri SAKA VENKATA RAO)—*cont.*

* Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" Another matter, Sir. Yesterday, I raised the matter regarding Sri Saka Venkata Rao. I believe an appeal to the Supreme Court does not operate as stay of the judgment of the High Court. May I request the Speaker that summons may be issued to him and that he may be allowed to participate in the proceedings of this House?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I want to remind hon. Members and the Leader of the Opposition of Article 192 of the Constitution. I have written to the Governor and I am awaiting his reply. If the hon. Member is sitting here in the House, he is doing so at his own risk and I cannot now prevent him from doing so."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" I think it was after a reference to the High Court's judgment . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" But I have not received a copy of the judgment; I have not also received a reply from the Governor."